

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1875.

REPORT

On the Health and Sanitary Condition of the

WESTBURY URBAN SANITARY DISTRICT

for the Year

1942



Presented to the Westbury Urban District Council

by

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WESTBURY URBAN DISTRICT

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of the Medical Officer of Health on the
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To the Chairman and Members of the
Westbury Urban District Council.

I beg to present my Annual Report for 1942 on
the Health and Sanitary Condition of your
District.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area - 3,686 acres.

Population 1931 - 4044. 1942 (estimated) -
4,750.

Number of Inhabited Houses - 1,371.

Rateable Value - £23,715.

Product of a Penny Rate under Rating and
Valuation Act 1925 - £99.15.11.

Chief occupation of the inhabitants -
Clothworkers, Glovers, Railway Employees,
Cheese Factory Workers and Agricultural
Labourers.

EXTRACT FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

BIRTHS

Legitimate-Male 46, Female 42	) Total 92
Illegitimate-Male 3, Female 1	

Still Births. Legitimate-1 Female, Total 1.

Birth Rate-17.2 per 1000.

Birth Rate for England & Wales-15.8 per 1000.

DEATHS.

Male 25, Female 26, Total 51.

Death Rate - 10.7 per 1000.

Death Rate for England & Wales-11.6 per 1000.

Number of Women dying in or in consequence of childbirth - Nil.

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age -

Male 2 (Legitimate).

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR.

Scarlet Fever - 1

Whooping Cough- 2

Diphtheria - 2

Puerperal Pyrexia - 2

Tuberculosis - New cases notified in year, 5.

Pulmonary. Non-Pulmonary.

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Deaths - Nil.

NURSING ARRANGEMENTS, HOSPITALS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS AVAILABLE FOR THE DISTRICT.

Nursing - There is one certified Midwife who also undertakes general Nursing in your District.

Clinics - Maternity and Child Welfare -
District Nurse.

School Clinics - Under County Council.

Tubercular Clinic - Trowbridge,

Wednesdays, 10 to 1, by C.T.O.

Orthopaedic Clinic - Trowbridge, Fridays
10 to 1.

Venereal Clinic - Trowbridge.

Hospitals-Tuberculosis: Winsley Sanatorium;
Harnham, Salisbury.
Isolation Hospital - Trowbridge.
Smallpox - Swindon.
Westbury & District Hospital - 20 beds.
Prideaux Hospital, Westbury.
Institution for Unmarried Mothers - None.

LABORATORY WORK.

Arrangements are made with the Salisbury Infirmary Pathological Department and with the Clinical Research Association in London for Pathological and Bacterial Examinations for cases of suspected Tuberculosis, Diphtheria and Typhoid Fever.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

Infectious cases-Provided by Isolation
Hospital.
Non-Infectious and Accident cases -
Westbury & District Hospital Ambulance.

LEGISLATION IN FORCE.

Adoptive Acts.

Public Health Amendment Act, 1890.
Infectious Diseases Prevention Act, 1890.
Public Health Act, 1925.

Byelaws.

New Streets and Buildings (Revised 1939)
Tents, Vans and Sheds.
Nuisances.
Cleansing of Footways, Ashpits, Privies, Etc.
Slaughterhouses.
Common Lodging Houses.

Regulations.

Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops.

WATER SUPPLY.

Following the difficulty in maintaining an adequate supply which was experienced in the latter end of 1941 owing to increased demand, a new electric pump was installed at the old Pumping Station, and was put into use in October.

The total gallons pumped to supply the Urban District and the Parish of Dilton Marsh was 89,034,500, being an average of 243,892 gallons per day.

DRAINAGE & CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

Where needed this matter has received attention, and a new Water closet has been provided in respect of one property.

SWIMMING BATH.

This has been closed since the beginning of the War and the building used for other purpose

SCAVENGING.

House refuse is collected weekly by the Local Authority and is now done by motor.

CAUSES OF DEATH.

	Male.	Female.
Cancer of uterus		3
" " stomach	1	
other sites	3	3
Intracranial vascular lesion	2	1
Heart Disease	7	8
Bronchitis		1
Other respiratory diseases	2	2
Digestive diseases	1	1
Nephritis	2	1
Premature Birth	1	
Congenital malformation	1	
Violent cause	1	-
Other causes	4	6
	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

R. T. SHORLAND.

